

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 13-11-05**

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For Work Week Commencing: November 4, 2013
Commission Meeting: November 5, 2013, 9:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Approval of Commission Minutes (Aleisha)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of October 28, 2012

2. NorthWestern Energy (NWE) D2013.10.72 & D2013.10.73 (Scott)

On October 21, 2013, NWE filed an application seeking authority to accumulate the under and over collections of MPSC and MCC taxes starting on October 1, 2013. NWE has requested to defer implementing tariffs reflecting these tax increases at this time. NWE proposes to accrue both under and over collections for inclusion in its next general rate filing. The under and over collections will be carried on NWE's books as regulatory liabilities and assets until returned to or recovered from customers. Probable Motion: Grant NWE's request to accrue under and over collections of the MPSC and MCC tax increases until the next general rate case.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2013.8.59 – CenturyTel d/b/a CenturyLink – Interconnection Agreement – Discuss and act on proposed interconnection agreement. (11/5/13)
2. PSC Initiated Rulemaking – MAR Notice No. 38-5-222 – Discuss and act on draft notice of proposed amendment of ARM 38.5.2202 and 38.5.2302 pertaining to pipeline safety. (11/5/13)
3. N2013.10.74 – NWE – NWE's intent to file an application regarding the purchase of PPL Montana, LLC's hydroelectric Generating facilities in Montana – Seek Commission authorization to initiate a process with the Department of Administration for issuing an RFP for consultant services related to assessing NWE's resource and portfolio modeling. (11/5/13)
4. D2012.7.81 – Mountain Water – General Rate Case – Receive Direction for Final Order Draft. (11/5/13)

Other Meetings

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

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Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Copies of these requests may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

None